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Guild Plans Party For Young People

St. Patrick's Guild met Wednesday evening of last week at the church hall with the president, Mrs. Stanley Wickey presiding. The group voted to sponsor a roller skating party for the young people on the afternoon of March 2 with Mrs. Kay Luciw in charge. Tickets for the whist party being held on Saturday at the town hall may be purchased from Mrs. Blanche Bilmon, Mrs. Betty Butinski, Mrs. Agnes Caron or Mrs. Marguirite Forrest.

Mrs. Francis Messer was welcomed as a new member.

It was announced that at the next meeting on March 13, Thursday, Father McKeon would speak on his pilgrimage to Europe and show colored slides. Helen N. Gonyek showed a line of jewelry and spoke on the selection, use and care of jewelry. A door prize was won by Mrs. Donald Huber.

Afternoon Alliance Gives Heart Donation

The Unitarian Afternoon Alliance met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bertha Leach with Mrs. Oler Doolittle presiding. Mrs. Doolittle gave a paper on "Botany of the Bible" and Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney read several poems appropriate for Valentine's day. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Doolittle, Miss Mary Eldena Pratt and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding. Mrs. Leach presented a birthday cake to honor the birthday of Miss Pratt on Valentine's day.

A sum of money was voted for the heart fund. The following committees were appointed by the president:

Special "Our Purpose" committee, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Charles Neal; Luncheon committee, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Charles Leach and Mrs. Charles Slate; nominating committee, Mrs. Selah Harriman, Mrs. Charles Neal, Mrs. Joseph Field and Mrs. Myron Dwight.

Finance Committee Disapproves Four Out of 51 Articles in Town Warrant

Conn. Valley Pomona To Hold Supper Meet

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will meet at Montague on Monday evening, Feb. 24, with a supper being served at 7 o'clock. The business meeting will open at 8 p.m. The program will be in charge of the subordinate Grange lecturers and each will present a 5 minute entertainment. Windham county and Saxton's River Pomona Granges of Vermont will be guests.

Grange To Sponsor Dance in Bernardston

The Bernardston Grange is sponsoring a public dance at the town hall in Bernardston on Saturday evening, Feb. 22, the committee in charge Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grover, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Raynor. There will also be a public card party at the Grange hall the same evening in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Turner and Mrs. Louise Clough. Both begin at 8 o'clock.

Shades of '88

By Mrs. E. M. Powell

Children born at the end of the 19th century were brought up on tales of "The Great Blizzard of '88." Each family had its own stories of snow piled high; coasting off the barn roof, wind-drifts, two stories high. About the time D. L. Moody's daughter, Emma, started for New York City by train, the blizzard started for the Connecticut river valley. At Bridgeport Emma and all other passengers were tied together with ropes and hauled off their train swaying on the bridge. In the hotel where they were snow-bound for three days they could walk out of second story windows. F. H. Revell, Emma Moody's uncle, hired a boat to come from New York harbor up the Connecticut river to rescue her.

Now 1888 has a rival, "The Blizzard of '58." Hereafter will children tell about the temperature on Feb. 18, 1958, when it went down to 36 degrees below zero on Parker avenue in Northfield, to 42° below in Winchester. Will they tell about the class in Shelburne which was so snowbound it could not come to school to work on its "Snowbound," by Whittier project? News of Northfield folks outside our valley is "drifting" in too. Bob, son of the Carroll Millers, says that as far as he knows he was the only man skiing over 11 inches of snow in the city of Baltimore.

There is one marked difference between conditions in 1888 and 1958. In the old days, no car; no huge piles of plowed snow six feet high to hide, on the corners, dogs, children, midget cars and some adults. Then our ancestors rode along on the top of snow, in our streets, and it was much safer. Sleighs started quicker; skidding less and was not so prevalent as cars. No one on radio or TV kept talking about disasters past, present and those about to come in the near future. You just threw another log on the fire, scurried out to feed the animals and stayed put. Is this the Missile or the Ice Age?

The articles of the town warrant to be acted upon at the annual town meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. are as follows:

Art. 1. To hear the reports of the several town officers and act thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1958 and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Sect. 17, Chap. 44 of the General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1958.

Art. 3. To see if the town will empower the selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends: selectmen and welfare boards: chairman of board, \$325, \$75; second member, 325, \$75; third member, 325, \$75; assessors: all members, \$300; town moderator, \$25; treasurer, \$900; tax collector, \$750; town clerk, \$500; school committee: chairman, \$100; second and third members, \$100.

Art. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other town charges, or act thereon.

Selectmen's and welfare board salary, \$1,200; selectmen's expense account, \$350; assessors' salary, \$900; assessors' expense account, \$300; treasurer's salary, \$900; treasurer's expense account, \$400; tax collector's salary, \$750; school committee salary, \$300; highway supt. expense account, \$125; finance committee expense account, \$25; planning board expense account, \$50; fence viewers' expense account, \$25; field drivers' expense account, \$25; town clerk's salary, \$500; town clerk's expense account \$80; town moderator's salary, \$25; moderator's expense account, \$15; aid to dependent children, \$6,000; general relief, \$5,000; disability assistance, \$3,000; public welfare administration, \$3,000; soldiers' relief, \$3,000; machinery maintenance account (transfer from road machinery fund), \$6,700; elections and registrations, \$1,200; fire and casualty insurance, \$5,600; interest account, \$300; legal expense, \$250; town accountant's salary, \$950; town accountant's expense account, \$75; sealer weights and measures' salary, \$150; sealer weights and measures' expense account, \$40; inspection of animals, \$175; dog officer and expense, \$175; inspection meat and slaughtering, \$50; schools, \$91,388; fire department, \$2,500; maintenance water holes, \$400; PV regional school, operational budget, \$82,034.87; capital budget, \$31,777.54; fire station bonds, maturing debt, \$3,000; interest, \$1,188; old age assistance, \$40,000; Alexander Hall, \$250; town clock and fountain, \$125; town reports, \$1,800; snow removal, \$7,000; public safety, \$50; protection tax title property, \$25; public health, \$1,300; highway bonds, surveys and plans, \$250; wire inspector and expense, \$50; town hall care, \$6,000.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the board, and that the salary be \$700 in accordance with Sec. 4a, Chap. 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

The finance committee recommends \$700.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into contract with the board of public works, Div. of highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chap. 51 highways or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$4,950 and to transfer \$18,150 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chap. 90 highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

The finance committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$3,000 and to transfer \$14,000 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 9. To see if the town will from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chap. 90 maintenance or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$1,500 and to transfer \$3,000 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for bridges, railings and highway work, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$3,500.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$100.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs and new construction of sidewalks, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$1,000.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for salaries of Northfield members of the Pioneer Valley regional school committee, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$300.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to trade the town accountant's adding machine, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$350.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the use of the Field library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$150.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,950 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dog tax, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$5,950.

Art. 17. To see if the town

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Kiwanis Club Votes Unanimously To Support Fluoridation Project

At the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club held Monday evening at the Valley Vista Inn the group voted unanimously to support a fluoridation program for the water systems of Northfield and East Northfield.

Charles Llewellyn, president, read a letter from past first governor Robert MacGregor, Jr., of Orange thanking the local club for the cooperation during the year. He reported that Div. 14 had contributed 100% toward the New England Kiwanis scholarship. F. Sumner Turner reported on plans for the visit of H. Park Arnold,

president of Kiwanis International, on April 14 when a supper will be served to 200 Kiwanis club members and their wives. Committee chairmen reported on plans for the year.

A special cake was featured and the birthdays of Hamilton Cregar, Julian Barber and David Quinn and the anniversaries of Ross L. Spencer, Jr., and Peter Ladzinski celebrated.

At the meeting next Monday evening various town officials will be present to explain articles of the town warrant and to answer questions about town government.

Oriental Arrangement Is Garden Club Topic

The Northfield Garden club will meet Monday evening, Feb. 24, for a potluck supper for members at the Center school cafeteria at 6:30. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Alexander hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Hutsue Takada-Messer and her subject, "Flower Arrangements in the Oriental Manner."

22 New Names On Voting List

There have been twenty-two names added to the town's voting lists recently. They are Raymond E. Paine, William A. and Lucille Seymour, Viola G. Avery, Mary Anne Repeta, Marguirite V. Forrest, Virginia Callaghan, Warner H. Smith, George L. and Helen S. Payne, William C., Jr., and Barbara Ann Walker, Raymond A. and Elma A. Kinmonth, Albert E. Allen, Jr., Shirley E. and Elizabeth Holloway, Richard L., Jr., and Marian A. Holbrook, Wendell T. and Dorothy M. Persons and George F. Ward.

Town Warrant To Be Discussed

The Northfield civic council will meet Wednesday evening, Feb. 26, to discuss the articles of the town warrant. This is an open meeting and all who are interested are invited to attend this round table discussion meeting. The meeting is at 8 p.m. at the town hall.

Awards Presented At Court of Honor

Among Northfield Boy Scouts honored at the Court of Honor held in Greenfield last week was Richard Maynard, recently advanced to Eagle Scout before a special investigating committee. Other Scouts recognized were Ronald Jordan, Jonathan Greene, David Westin, James Neigh, David Sargent, Jonathan Fowler, David Dale, Howard Maynard, Christopher Sheldon, William Cook, Gerard Donovan, Robert Rineer and Dean Vinten.

During 1958 the Northfield Boy Scout troop has pledged to concentrate on a safety good turn.

G. S. Sell 1536 Boxes of Cookies

A huge total of 1536 boxes of cookies has been ordered by townspeople through the Girl Scouts and Brownies during the recent two week sale. Credits to the various groups are as follows:

Grade 2 Brownies, Mrs. Robert Huber and Mrs. Wallace Stange, leaders, 263 boxes; grade 3 Brownies, Mrs. Ralph Livernoise and Mrs. Harold Lord, leaders, 458 boxes; grade 4 Brownies, Mrs. Rosemary Messer, leader, 199 boxes; Intermediate Girl Scouts, Mrs. Marshall Lanphear and Mrs. Robert Johnson, leaders, 616 boxes.

These cookies will be delivered during Girl Scout week March 8-15 and will bring in a total of \$614.

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Church Notes

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister
Mrs. F. H. MOSSE, Director of Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director

Mrs. BELLE MARDEN, Organist
9:45, church school.

11 a.m., public worship. First Sunday in Lent. Sermon subject, "Being Too Easy with Ourselves."

Pre-school age children and children of grades 1-4 attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Dennis Lanphear will lead devotions. Mrs. Albert Anderson will speak and show pictures of the Glidden Tour of Antique Automobiles.

The February meeting of the 20-40 Couples' club, scheduled for Monday evening, has been cancelled.

Lenten Bible study for women 20-40 years of age will begin on Tuesday morning in the vestry, 10 to 11 o'clock. Mr. Reeves will teach the course. Children will be attended in another area of the church by Mrs. Fred Avery and Mrs. Edward Vinnun.

A Lenten family supper will be served in the vestry on Thursday at 6:30. Mrs. Carl Peterson and Mrs. Fred Smith are serving as co-chairmen. Each family is to bring a hot dish or a salad or a dessert. There will follow the supper a 30-minute motion picture of family life, entitled "Split-Level Living."

The new church building survey committee will meet with architect Dirlam and cost estimator Reed at the home of chairman Livingston on Friday at 7 p.m.

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People are sponsoring a square dance in the Northfield town hall Friday, 8-12 p.m. A three-piece orchestra and Elmer Johnson of Winchester, N. H., calling.

NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

CHARLES D. MOORE, Minister
Mrs. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist and Choir Director

RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45 a.m., worship sermon topic, "The Religious Wheel." 7 p.m., Youth Group.

ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

Rev. HENRY McKEON, Pastor
Rev. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate
10:30, Sunday morning mass.

NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

Rev. PAUL L. BUBAR, Pastor
SAMUEL A. BISHOP, Organist
Mrs. RICHARD NEIPP, Assistant Organist

Mrs. RALPH PERRY, Pianist
Sunday, 8:15 a. m., worship WHAI.

10 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.

11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.

7, pre-evening service prayer.

7:30, evening evangelistic hour.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.

Thursday evening, "Hour of Power" at 7:30.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Rev. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor
Miss HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist
LAURENCE MARCY, Sunday School Superintendent

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6:30, potluck family supper and film.

Sunday, 10:30-11:30, a.m., Sunday school.

11:30-12:30 p.m., worship service.

3:30 service at Bronson's Nursing Home.

6:15 p.m., Young Peoples.

7:30, Evening service.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7:30, p.m., monthly business meeting and prayer meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, Connecticut Valley Bible conference at the Turners Falls Baptist church, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27, a group will conduct the service at the Springfield Gospel Mission.

Friday, 3:30, Sing and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHAI.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

Rev. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor
Mrs. STELLA POWELL, Organist
Mrs. HAROLD PARSONS, Sunday School Superintendent

10:30 a.m., Morning Worship. Sermon subject, "Man Made Whole".

10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.

11:45—Sunday School.

7:30—Evening service with Bible study in the Book of Amos.

Tuesday evening, 7:30, cottage prayer meeting at the Samuel Kendalls.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

Dickinson Library Notes

Plans are going forward for observance of National Library Week, March 16-22, at the library. Last Friday evening the citizens' committee, Mrs. Dana W. Leavis presiding, met at the library. Plans were completed for an "open house" to be held at the library on Wednesday, March 19, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening.

There will be special exhibits on both floors (we hope the weather will cooperate) and visitors will have a chance to see all parts of the library. We have tried to stress the fact that the idea of the observance of National library week is to get the citizens of the town better acquainted with the library and its activities; or, in other words to know where their tax money goes.

All organizations in town will be contacted and asked to cooperate in some special way. Any organization that would like to put on a special display should contact the librarian or a member of the citizens' committee. Publicity for the week's events will be given through the radio, newspapers and television.

A workshop for surrounding librarians who wish to attend, will be held in this library Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 10:30 a.m. Miss Cornelia Church of the regional library, Greenfield, will speak and act as coordinator in planning further programs.

New Books Ordered

The book committee, consisting of the following persons, Mrs. Louise Reeves, Mrs. Jean Hatheway, Mrs. Gwendolyn Leavis, William Hawley and Mrs. Florence Phelps, librarian, met recently and chose over thirty new titles of adult books for purchase. The librarian will choose a list of new books for the children's room.

The current exhibit on Lincoln will be held over another week, that all may have an opportunity to see this unusual collection.

Washington's birthday will be observed also this week, with pictures and books of the first President of the United States on display. The library will be closed all day Saturday, Feb. 22, in honor of Washington's birthday.

Tickets Available For Public Supper

Tickets are still available for the public supper being served Saturday evening, Feb. 22, at the town hall at 6 o'clock by a group from the Unitarian church. The menu will include swedish meat balls, mashed potato, green beans, cabbage salad, rolls, coffee and a pineapple dessert. Serving on the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Mrs. Philip Kavanaugh, Dean Williams and Glenn Billings. In charge of the dining room are Mrs. Herman Miner, Mrs. Dwight Stearns, Mrs. Arthur James, Mrs. Glenn Billings and Mrs. Charles Moore.

Tickets are on sale at the Northfield Pharmacy and from Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. Lewis Shine. The proceeds from this supper will be added to the parsonage fund.

Residents To Solicit For Heart Fund Drive

Plans for a house-to-house canvass Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. to obtain donations for the Heart fund have been completed. Mrs. Albert Anderson, chairman, will be assisted by many workers.

Aims of the campaign are to support medical research into the cause of control of heart disease. It is the one day of the year in which residents will be asked to help fight heart disease. Drive slogan is: "Help your Heart fund—Help Your Heart."

East Northfield solicitors follow: Mrs. William Hawley, captain; Mrs. Roy Hatch, Mrs. Warren Randall, Mrs. Donald McColester, Mrs. Ralph Livernoise, Mrs. Paul Jordan, Mrs. Frank Pearsall, Mrs. David Hammond, Mrs. Walter Bailey, Mrs. James Callaghan, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. F. Sumner Turner, Miss Louise Kingsbury, Mrs. Harold Carroll, Mrs. Hamilton Cregar, Miss Natalie Briesmaster, Miss Della White and Mrs. Howard Briggs.

Northfield Farms: Mrs. John Brown, captain; Mrs. Alvin Scott, Mrs. Robert Dumbreck, Mrs. Stephen Schryba, Mrs. Winthrop Spencer, Mrs. Harold Lord, Mrs. R. Kenneth Leach, Mrs. Albert Rice, Mrs. Joseph Bartus, Mrs. Robert Shearer, Misses Joan and Carol Merrifield, Miss Margaret Streeter, Misses Ruth and Charlotte Wood, Miss Diana Leach, Miss Geraldine Durant, Miss Jean Smith and Mrs. Erwin Fisher.

Northfield, Mrs. Berton Rogers, captain; Mrs. Richard Vielmetti, Mrs. Harry Erickson, Mrs. Stanley Powers, Mrs. Louis Abbe, Mrs. David Quinn, Mrs. Julian Barber, Mrs. Harland Randall, Mrs. William Forrest, Mrs. Edmund Morgan, Miss Bessie Moore, Mrs. James Goodwin and Mrs. Richard L. Holbrook, Jr.

West Northfield, Mrs. Leslie Gibson, captain; Mrs. George Payne, Mrs. Louis Sofka, Mrs. Gilbert Stacy and Mrs. Gerald Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Pfeil are co-chairmen for Northfield School for Girls.

In case anyone is not solicited and would care to give, donations may be sent to Mrs. Anderson any time during this month.

The nice thing about old age is that you can whistle while you brush your teeth.

Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight; indecision, a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind it.

When you're down in the dumps, always remember this: Half the people aren't interested in hearing your troubles, and the other half are glad you're finally getting what you deserve.

CHURCH NOTES

CONGREGATIONAL

Another Lenten season began Wednesday, Feb. 19. For months plans have been dreamed, prayed about and discussed at the church in anticipation of the observance of Lent. We never had a stronger program to offer than is announced in this Newsletter. However, its success depends upon the response and cooperation to be had from all the families of the parish. By your prayers, presence and enthusiasm you can do much to bring honor to God and strength to our church during this Lenten season.

The days of Lent commemorate the days Jesus spent in the wilderness, before he began his public ministry, when he was deciding how he would use his life and the abilities which God had given him. Let us during the next forty days take out some time for examining our purposes and goals in living. Here are a few questions we might profitably ask ourselves: "Am I living below what I could be doing for God and my fellowmen, my children or the children and young people who live near me? If others follow my example will the influence of the Christian church become stronger or weaker? Am I alive and sensitive spiritually or mostly concerned about what I shall eat and wear and bank and have for entertainment?"

During those forty days we commemorate in Lent, Jesus decided to make his life count for God and truth and the making of this world a better place for all. May our observance of Lent this year similarly affect and elevate our thinking and living. J.W.R.

World Day of Prayer Service

Our public observance of Lent begins with the World Day of Prayer Service for the church women of Northfield to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, Feb. 21, at 2:30 p.m. The service is being planned by Mrs. Roger Greenwood and the leadership will be shared by several women of the community.

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Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

At the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening at 6:30 in the Congregational church Rev. J. W. Reeves will speak on "Ways of Observing Lent."

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Fisher entertained their grandson, James Williamson, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Williamson of East Longmeadow, were spending a week in Miami.

Miss Elsie Eckman, hymn writer and music supervisor, will arrive at the home of Mrs. W. T. Moody Friday to spend a week.

The Northfield School for Girls held its winter carnival Monday, Crowned were Queen Andrea Rogers of New Britain, Conn., and King Cynthia Dixsee of Quebec, Canada.

Douglas Jones has started an evening class of painting Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 in his home studio at 15 Birnam road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haan of North Troy spent the weekend here.

At the morning wedding Feb. 14 at St. Patrick's church Miss Helen L. Dooley of Dorchester and Peter C. Mackin of Millers Falls were married by Rev. Henry F. McKeon. Later a reception was held at The Northfield hotel and guests attended a 1 o'clock dinner. The Mackins have bought the Thompson house on Winchester road and last fall workmen made many new and attractive improvements in the old home.

Dr. Edward Fairbank sends word of the death of Mrs. Ella Hoxie Wright on Feb. 12. Mrs. Wright was the second wife of Dr. Fairbank's son-in-law and both the Wrights and the Fairbanks spent the best years of their lives in India and then came to Northfield to live. Mrs. Wright taught at the Northfield School for Girls for several years. A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 17, at Walker House in Auburndale.

Mrs. Bessie Schmadeke has gone to New York to spend two weeks. While the Stanges are in Florida the Dick Holbrooks are staying in their house in North lane. Dick Holbrook has been confined to the house with a very bad cold.

Vassar college has issued for its alumnae fund, a sheet of "vintage" photos of girls all over the world, graduates of different classes. Among the fifty pictures is one of Kay Moody Bergh.

The Pilgrim Fellowship made \$62 at its food sale Saturday in the Roy Fish insurance office. Students of the Northfield School for Girls were given permission to attend the sale.

Paul Bubar and Tom Russell of this town have used their planes to help in the search for the plane of skiers which was lost last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mildred Nims and her sister, Miss Mabel Willey, have left Mitla, Mexico, and returned to their former address, Hotel Santa Prisca, Tasco Gro, Mexico.

Papit Kuvonia, dean in a Presbyterian school in Bangkok, Thailand, is staying at the Moody birthplace from Monday to Thursday. She is studying at a Presbyterian school of missions in New York City. One brother is an attaché in Australia and one of her sisters is a medical doctor.

Niles Stone recently completed

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26, at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle on Glenwood avenue at 2:30. Rev. Arthur J. Green will give a paper on the life of the founder, Frances E. Willard.

NORTHFIELD GRANGE

The Northfield Grange will meet at the Grange hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, at 7 o'clock to go to Woolman hill in Deerfield for a meeting.

FORTNIGHTLY

Dr. Raymond A. Kinmonth will be the guest speaker at the Fortnightly meeting to be held on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Alexander hall at 3 p.m. His subject will be

a 29-hour course on human relations in industrial management. Stone is a time study engineer for Greenfield Tap and Die Corp.

Mrs. Hans Zachman of Newberry, Ohio, is visiting her parents, the Carroll Millers.

Dr. Richard D. Birdsall of the Connecticut college department of history this past week addressed the Kiwanis club of New London, Conn. He spoke on the evolution of Lincoln's humor from his youth to the time he became president of the U. S. Birdsall said that Lincoln's humor mellowed with age and was directed more at himself and classes of people rather than at individuals, as formerly. Dr. Birdsall's family has lived both at Mt. Hermon and in East Northfield.

Northfield women who attended the institute on human relations in Greenfield on Wednesday and Thursday of this past week were Mrs. C. Briggs, Mrs. W. Keever, Mrs. R. Durgin, Mrs. G. M. Leonard, Mrs. E. M. Powell, Mrs. C. MacCracken, Mrs. M. W. Atwood, Mrs. A. Mosse, Mrs. M. Mirtz.

James Findlay, Jr., a history major, working his for Ph.D. degree at Northwestern university in Evanston, Ill. is spending ten days at the Powell home. The subject of his doctor's thesis is the

Brownies Observe Valentine Day

Second grade Brownies met on Tuesday at the Little House for a Valentine party under the supervision of Mrs. Robert Huber and Mrs. Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr. Refreshments were furnished by Carolyn Brasser, Karen Black, Joan Bartus, Leslie Gibson, Camilla Mayberry and Constance Kazanowski. Decorating had been done by Kathleen Huber, Lorraine Tie and Cheryl Dunnell. Housekeepers were Deborah Silz, Marie Wickley and Linda Fisher. The group received from Mrs. Wallace Stange, a Brownie leader, who is in Florida, a letter which was read to all.

There were 22 third grade Brownies at the meeting Thursday afternoon at the Little House with leaders Mrs. Ralph Livermore and Mrs. Harold Lord. At this meeting it was announced that the Girl Scout taking "child care" under Mrs. Ansel True would give the third grade Brownies a supper party Saturday evening, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, from 5:30 to 8 o'clock at the Little House. If the sky is clear the Brownies will go star gazing. A Valentine party was held and the girls turned in their Scout cookies orders.

Grade 4 Brownies had a Valentine party at the Little House on Wednesday under the direction of Mrs. Francis Messer and Mrs. Hamilton Cregar. The girls played "Pin the Bow and Arrow on Cupid" and "Valentine Treasure Hunt." Patrol 2 served refreshments and patrol 3 passed out the Valentines.

historical significance of Dwight L. Moody. Mr. Findlay's father has for 18 years been president of Drury college in Springfield, Mo. It is a Congregational college of 800 boys and girls.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean is spending his winter vacation in Florida.

The Stateline Fellowship was host to women of the Good Neighbors club Monday. Women of the Northfield Unitarian church served the supper. The program was held in the Advent Christian church Fellowship rooms. Mrs. Theresa Brungardt, state recreation leader for Vermont, said that that state was the first in the union to have a state recreation program.

Feb. 12 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. Bassett of South Vernon: granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassett of S. Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Glazier of Northfield; great-granddaughter of Mrs. F. L. Tyler of Northfield.

John Healey has returned to his work for the New England Power Co. of Readsboro, Vt.

John Unaitis has received word of the birth of a granddaughter, child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Unaitis on Jan. 15.

Miss Sheldon Wed In California

Miss Ida Sheldon of San Diego, Cal., and Clyde Haden, formerly of Coffeeyville, Kan., were married on Jan. 25 at the First Congregational church in San Diego.

Mrs. Haden is a former Northfield resident and has a brother, Lee Sheldon, here and another brother, George H. Sheldon, now living in Greenfield.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Walter Stark of the San Diego church and Mrs. Warren Root, a niece of the bride, was matron of honor.

Mrs. Haden attended Northfield public schools, Brattleboro Business institute and Bay Path institute of Springfield and Concordia Business college in Blue Rapids, Kansas. She is employed as a stenographer for the water department of the city of San Diego. Haden has been employed at the Ryan Aircraft Co. The couple will reside at 2670 B. street, San Diego.

Tom Parker who has been in the Brattleboro hospital, is now staying at the Hart Nursing home on Highland avenue. He will be glad to see his friends any time after 12 p.m. His son lives at 525 Coral Way, Coral Gables, Fla., and his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Back, in West Hartford.

The Northfield Wash Sand and Gravel Co. has been given a major contract by Yankee Atomic Electric Co. It is estimated that more than 30,000 cubic yards of concrete will be required for the \$50,000,000 power plant in Rowe.

On Feb. 11 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Thompson of Montague City; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Gallant of East Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holton left by plane Sunday from Boston to spend a week at Tampa, Fla. They will return home by car with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean of Bernardston.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Leavis at the Franklin county public hospital on Feb. 18; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Leavis of East Northfield, Mrs. Stanley I. Bell of Gill and A. D. Wadsworth, Jr., of Rowayton, Conn.; great-granddaughter of Mrs. James Heard of Norwalk, Conn.; Mrs. Charles Owen of Stoneham and Mrs. A. D. Wadsworth, Sr., of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gage of Main street, East Northfield, quietly observed their 54th wedding anniversary Monday, Feb. 17. Mr. Gage, recently 86, is confined to his room and Mrs. Gage is still able to care for him. They wish to thank all who sent cards and remembrances.

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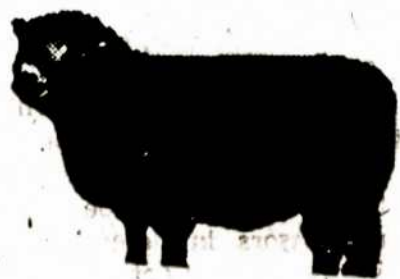
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Finance Committee . . .

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will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6610 for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$6,610.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the school committee, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$200 for maintenance and \$200 for improvement.

Art. 19. To hear the report of the summer playground program committee and act thereon.

Art. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$500 to finance a summer playground program for the children of Northfield and authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of three to make provision for the same, or act thereon.

The finance committee does not recommend.

Art. 21. To hear the report of the revaluation equalization committee and act thereon.

Art. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be expended by the board of assessors for a contract with a competent appraisal company to make a revaluation of all real estate in the town, or take any action in relation thereto.

The finance committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be expended by the board of assessors to start an equalization of real estate program in the town or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care, maintenance and improvement of the fire station and town garage, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$1,000.

Art. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the fire department to use to purchase hose and other miscellaneous equipment, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$775.

Art. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of shade trees, under the direction of the tree warden, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$800.

Art. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the tree warden for planting shade trees on the public ways to replace those lost by disaster or other causes, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$200.

Art. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to combat Dutch Elm disease, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$1,800.

Art. 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the control and suppression of other public nuisances, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$1,000.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of the public health nurse and substitute, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$2,800.

Art. 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the public health nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$75.

Art. 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the public health nurse's car, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$300.

Art. 33. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for 16 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water company for fire protection, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$400.

Art. 34. To see if the town will authorize the moderator to appoint a committee to study the advisability of purchasing the Northfield Water company and preparing a tentative plan to purchase and operate the same, or act thereon.

Art. 35. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield under the supervision of the selectmen, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$200.

Art. 36. To hear the report of the committee investigating group life and accident insurance for town employees.

Art. 37. Shall Chap. 32 of the General Laws, authorizing any county, city, town or district to provide a plan of group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general, or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district by their dependents, be accepted by this town?

Art. 38. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for group life and accident insurance for town employees as permitted by the foregoing article, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends no action.

Art. 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Northfield Post, American Legion, and the Northfield Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for the purpose of celebrating Memorial Day, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$275.

Art. 40. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and presentation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$2,000.

Art. 41. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for constable's pay and expense, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$750.

Art. 42. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for necessary repairs to discontinued school buildings, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$100.

Art. 43. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the selectmen and the Civil Defense committee, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$150.

Art. 44. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the town's share and borrow a sum of money to meet the state and county share of the expense for repairing and painting Schell Memorial bridge as recommended by the department of public works, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$4,000 and to borrow the sum of \$11,000.

Art. 45. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure cost on tax titles, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$300.

Art. 46. To see if the town will accept Chap. 41, Sec. 97, of the General Laws and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of a police chief, or act thereon.

The finance committee does not recommend.

Art. 47. To see if the town will authorize the finance committee to make a study of the salaries of the town officers, to recommend changes where necessary and to report at the next annual meeting.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to accept that building by-law as proposed by the planning board, or act thereon.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to discontinue posting warrants on Gulf road at the corner of Orange road, or act thereon.

Art. 50. To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer

Obituary

Mrs. Z. J. Whitaker

Mrs. Zelpha Jardin Whitaker, age 80, died at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital Friday, Feb. 14, after a long period of failing health.

She was born July 18, 1877 in Chatham, N. B., Canada, and had lived in Northfield for 28 years. Her husband, Winfred Whitaker, died Nov. 2, 1953.

Mrs. Whitaker was a member of the Northfield Grange and the Order of Eastern Star and was an associate member of the Trinitarian Congregational church.

She leaves five sisters, Miss Sadie Jardine of Northfield, Mrs. Zena J. C. Blake of Truro, N. S., Mrs. Myrtle Buckley of Toronto and Mrs. Rita MacIntosh and Mrs. Vernon Manderson of Chatham, and two brothers, Marvin Jardine of Athol and Oran Jardine of Chatham. Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 17, at 2 o'clock at the Kidder funeral home with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating. Burial was at the Silver Lake cemetery in Athol.

Alexander J. Kiewski

Alexander Joseph Kiewski, 68, of Millers Falls road died at his home Monday.

He was born March 18, 1889, in Poland, son of Michael and Josephine Kiewski. He lived in Northfield for 10 years.

He was employed as a wood-working plant in Turners Falls before retiring several years ago.

He leaves his widow, Irene (Bolski) Kiewski, and three brothers and a sister in Poland.

Services were held at Kidder's funeral home Thursday morning at 8:30, followed by a high mass of requiem in St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery in the spring.

Martin Hull

Martin Hull, for many years a resident of Northfield, died on Jan. 31 at his home in Greenwich, Conn. He is survived by his wife, four children and 14 grandchildren; also three sisters, Mrs. Paul D. Moody, Miss Inez Hull and Mrs. Harriet Hull Wakeman of Fairfield, Conn.

a sum of money from overlay reserve for a reserve fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The finance committee recommends \$3,000.

Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the assessors in determining the 1958 tax rate, or act thereon.

The finance committee recommends \$30,000.

Community Club Party Postponed One Week

The card party planned by the Northfield Farms Community club No. 4 for Wednesday was postponed to next week Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock. There will be prizes and refreshments. The committee in charge is Mrs. Margaret Shearer, Mrs. Agnes Hammond, Mrs. Grace Young and Mrs. Virginia Leach. All who like to play cards are invited to this public card party.

Guild Card Party Winners Named

At St. Patrick's Guild card party Saturday evening at the town hall Mrs. George Butinski and her committee entertained 61 card players.

Mrs. Victor Parenteau of Montague City won the door prize of a basket of groceries. Other awards were as follows: whist, high score, women, Mrs. Electa Cole; low score, Mrs. Clinton Smith of Millers Falls; men, high score, Arthur Bolton; low score, Stanley Wickkey; pitch, high score, Mrs. John Greene, Michael Sitnik and Kenneth Miller; low score, John Greene, Joseph Bilmon, Mrs. Charles Leach.

Extra prizes were awarded to Stanley Powers, Lawrence Hammond, Kenneth Miller, Mrs. James Gallagher, John Green, Joseph Bilmon, Alden Podlenski, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolton, Mrs. John Green, William State, Edward Lord, Raymond Parenteau, Howard Skinner, Mrs. Michael Sitnik, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Cole, Mrs. Julia Dunham of Turners Falls, Mrs. Helen Wheeler of Millers Falls, Mrs. Lottie Smith of Millers Falls and Harry Amsden of South Vernon.

Assisting on the committee were Mrs. Charles Repeta, Mrs. Adella Chula, Mrs. Frank Rockwell, Miss Mary Ann Wozniak, Miss Lucille Kelley, Miss Edna Bistrek, Mrs. Martin Fritz, Mrs. Paul Jordan, Mrs. William Forrest, Mrs. Stanley Bistrek and Miss Helen Podlenski.

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Civic Council Panel on Town Warrant Shows \$321,507 To Be Raised

There was a good attendance of interested persons at the meeting of the Civic Council at the public forum Wednesday evening. Edward F. Hurley, council president, acted as moderator.

From the discussion on the various articles these facts were recorded: The total request for funds for the welfare department is \$57,000, an 8% increase over last year's \$52,500; it being state election year the election cost is increased; town hall care is up \$1,000 because it is planned to redecorate the main auditorium; the total appropriation for school purposes this year is \$205,199, compared to last year's \$169,327; the cost of \$15,000 for the repair of Schell bridge would be divided as follows: \$9,000 from the state, \$2,000 from the county and \$4,000 from local tax money. However there seems to be a problem there as the state's share must be taken from Northfield's Chap. 90 highway construction funds, thus cutting down work that had been planned for other areas. In answer to the question, "Is the bridge safe for usage?" it was stated that it will be posted for a load weight limit of 8 tons.

The report of the revaluation equalization committee was not available but the opinion seemed to be that if the town so votes the assessors could make a start at the task under the supervision of the state department for the sum of \$1,500. The plan to include a questionnaire sent to all home owners which would be filled out and returned to the assessors giving them the data from which to figure the tax. Business establishments would be valued by an outside expert with a further appropriation next year. The alternative to this plan would be the sum of \$10,000 to an outside appraisal company.

When the group was discussing Article 27 which asks for \$200 for setting out shade trees on our town highways two interesting suggestions were brought up. One that the town start a tree nursery to grow trees for the purpose and the other that the trustees of the Village Improvement society be approached in regard to income from the Belcher estate fund which was designated in the will to be used for trees.

In explanation of the term "public nuisances" for which a sum of \$1,000 is recommended by the finance committee the words "pest control" could be substituted as it would include control work against the Japanese beetle, poison ivy, Dutch elm disease, etc.

Those present seemed to favor the appointment of a committee to study the advisability of purchasing the Northfield Water company and prepare a plan to purchase and operate the same. The suggestion was made that the rehabilitation fund of about \$15,000 could be used toward this project.

The discussion of the establishment of the office of chief of police brought forth a lively expression of opinions. The object of this new appointment would be to relieve the chairman of the board of selectmen of these duties which are time consuming and demanding.

The adoption of the new "building by-law" will be one of the important questions at Tuesday evening's town meeting. The legal aspects of the by-law seemed in question and more information will be sought at the town meeting.

The finance committee also ap-

B.S. to Exhibit At Scout-o-Rama

Boy Scouts are covering the town taking reservations for tickets for the Scout-o-Rama to be held March 29 at the University of Massachusetts. The local troop will have an exhibit which will include models of houses, cars and people for a safety theme.

Plans for Camp Chesterfield, the Boy Scout summer camp, are under way. Gilbert Stacy will go as troop scoutmaster for the first week of camp in July. Mrs. Stacy and children will also go.

At Monday evening's meeting the various patrols demonstrated phases of first aid: the Panthers, bandaging cuts; Eagles, application of a splint on a broken leg; the Rattlesnakes, preparation of a stretcher and moving a victim to the stretcher, and the Iroquois, treatment of a shock victim.

Adult leaders at the meeting were Howard Call, Robert Remillard, Hamilton Cregar, Gilbert Stacy and Winthrop Sanderson.

WCTU Votes Sum To F. Willard Fund

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle on Glenwood avenue with the president, Miss June Browning, presiding. Mrs. Grace Cornell led devotions interpreting the Beatitudes and the first Psalm. The secretary's report was given by Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney and the treasurer's report by Mrs. John Fisher. Rev. Arthur Green read a fine paper on the life of the founder of the organization, Frances E. Willard. The group voted unanimously against "near beer as sold to minors in the state of Maine." A collection was taken for the maintenance of a full time worker in Massachusetts schools. The following sums were voted: to the Frances Willard fund, \$2; education fund, \$2, and headquarters, \$5. Refreshments were served by the co-hostess, Mrs. Russell Durgin. The next meeting will be held on March 26 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Green.

proves the transfer of \$30,000 from available unappropriated funds to be used by the assessors in determining the 1958 tax rate. The wisdom of using this large amount this year was questioned and this action should be well thought out. This is the last article in the warrant.

These requests total \$396,357, of which \$74,950 may be taken from available funds—leaving \$321,507 to be raised by taxation. Last year's total appropriations amounted to \$358,736.

This is an increase of about 10% more than was appropriated in 1957, most of the increase to be used for welfare and education.

However it was stated that adjustments have been made by the assessors in the valuation of town real estate so that even though more money must be raised the tax rate is expected to remain about the same as last year.

The town meeting will be held Tuesday evening, March 4, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Variety of Articles Contributed for Sale

The Girl Scout rummage sale is being held Saturday at the Little House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Folks from all over town will have contributed clothing, sports equipment, books, games and toys for children through high school age. Many other salable articles of all kinds and descriptions will be on sale at very low prices—all for the benefit of the expenses of the local Girl Scout troop.

There will also be a food sale of contributions from Girl Scout mothers with Mrs. Kay Luciw committee chairman, and Mrs. Donald McCollister, Mrs. Gilbert Stacy, Mrs. Julian Barber, Mrs. Winthrop Spencer and Mrs. Richard Mercer assisting.

Northfield Grange Visits Quaker Center

Seventeen members of the Northfield Grange went to the Quaker Center at Woolman Hill in Deerfield Tuesday evening for a social evening, enjoying games and refreshments served by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carey. It was reported that Mrs. Geneva Johnson, who recently underwent surgery, will be able to return this week to her home at 804 4th St., Zephyrhills, Florida.

The next meeting of the Grange will be educational aid and youth night on March 11.

Northfield Students Exhibit Work at WHAI

Art students from Deerfield academy, Northfield School for Girls and Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill school are exhibiting work at the WHAI galleries this week. The exhibition will be open evenings in addition to the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily hours. The exhibit will close March 3.

There is a wide variety of paintings, drawings, sculpture and photographic studies in the exhibit. Robert Bliss, artist in residence at Deerfield academy, selected the works to represent the school. The displays from the Northfield School for Girls were done with the instruction of Douglas Jones. The water colors shown by Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill students represent work done in the classes of Stephen Hamilton of Amherst.

Kiwanis Discusses Town Warrant

At Monday evening's meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Valley Vista Inn there was a discussion of the articles of the town warrant under the direction of the business and public affairs committee, Ross L. Spencer, Jr., chairman.

Town officials present who assisted in the discussion were Robert P. Barnes and Stanley T. Wickey, selectmen; Winthrop Spencer, assessor; Roy Fish, tax collector; Kenneth Miller, road superintendent; Horace Field, town clerk, and F. Sumner Turner, school superintendent.

At next Monday evening's meeting Rollin H. Barrett, retired University of Massachusetts professor, will speak on "Science in Agriculture." The program will be under the direction of the agriculture and conservation committee, Edward Parsons, chairman.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bishop of 15 Main St., who are on a Mediterranean tour with the liner Olympia, are pictured during their visit to Jerusalem. The Olympia docked in Haifa for two days and the passengers had an opportunity to tour Israel's many religious and historic sites.

Sub-committee Named to Draft Rules for PVRs Full Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Enjoy Winter Cruise

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bishop of 15 Main street sailed from New York Jan. 17 on the Greek line, S. S. Olympia, for a two months Mediterranean cruise. On Jan. 31 they reached Malta where they spent a few hours with Mrs. Hugo Sant Fournier who visits her mother, Mrs. Robert Wood, here every summer. Mrs. Sant Fournier asked the officials at the customs house to page Mrs. Bishop on her ship, to say that she was meeting them. On the morning of their arrival they did some sightseeing, the cathedral, the museum and the six-hundred year old home of Baron Ian Inquanez where there are many historic antiques. They lunched in the Sant Fournier home in Sliema.

In a letter to Mrs. Wood written by Mrs. Bishop, she describes the day on Malta and adds an item about her husband. Mr. Bishop who as the oldest tourist on board, was honored with a gift and sat at the captain's table.

In a letter to Mrs. Wood from her daughter there is also a description of the arrival of the U. S. S. Salem with Admiral Brown on it of the sixth fleet and of the dinner for 32 guests at the governor's palace for the Browns to which the San Fourniers were invited.

Fortnightly To Hear Dr. Raymond Kinmonth

The Fortnightly met Friday afternoon, Feb. 28, with a coffee hour from 2 to 3 o'clock at the Alexander hall. The speaker of the afternoon was Dr. Raymond A. Kinmonth, who spoke on "Mental Deficiency." Dr. Kinmonth, recently retired from the staff of the Belchertown State school, is a life member of the New England Society of Psychiatry and a fellow of the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

At the meeting of the Pioneer Valley Regional school committee last Thursday a sub-committee was appointed to draft a set of rules and regulations for the full committee. The members are William Hawley of Northfield, Albert H. Stoddard, Jr., of Warwick and Mrs. George Wilcox of Bernardston. They will make a report at a future meeting.

Furniture for the lobby, teachers' room and the homemaking suite had arrived and was inspected by the committee.

Wayne Morse of Shelburne St., Greenfield, has been named to the faculty of the Pioneer Valley regional school. He has been hired for the balance of the school year to replace Mrs. Marguerite Bolt as teacher of eighth grade English.

Obituary

Rev. Sidney Marcy

Rev. Sidney Marcy died Sunday, Feb. 23, in Honduras, where he has been a missionary for about 20 years, following recent surgery. He leaves his wife, the former Charlotte Truesdell of Bernardston, and eight children, four in Honduras, Joy, Caroline, Loida and Jonathan, and Pearl, a junior at Wheaton college in Illinois; Paul, attending Moody Bible school at Wheaton; Ruth, a sophomore at New Salem academy and Mildred attending Ben Lippon college in North Carolina.

He is also survived by his father, John Marcy of Chicago; a brother, Lawrence, and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Browning, both of this town; brothers Lloyd of Chicago and Herbert of Fort Worth, Texas; and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Weatherbee of Glenellyn, Illinois.

Rev. Marcy lived with his parents in Northfield when he was a boy and with his own family has been a visitor in this area when on furlough from his work under the Central American Mission.

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Her friends are waving and scanning the air—
I know right well, though I cannot be there.
I know how lovely she looks, all in white,
So fair and slim, unafraid of the night,
A happy smile on her delicate face—
While droning motors seek upper space.
The skyways albatross seems but a dove
Against crimson background blazoned above.
O winds, be kind till the moment she lands
On desert sands, into welcoming hands!

—Gertrude Churchill Whitney

Northfield, June 12, 1957

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(This poem was written when Mrs. Whitney's granddaughter, Mary Jane Whitney, was going home to Arizona, having just finished her junior year at the Northfield School for Girls. She is now a senior at the Tucson (Arizona) High School. Mrs. Whitney's son, Rev. George Whitney, is a Unitarian minister in that city. Another granddaughter, Judith, is majoring in anthropology at the University of Arizona.)

Church Notes

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MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of
Christian Education
IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir
Director

MRS. BELLE MARDEN, Organist
9:45, church school.

11 a.m., Public Worship. Second Sunday in Lent. Worshipping with us will be 150 students of the Connecticut Valley College Conference. Mr. Reeves will conduct the service. The Rev. William Coffin, chaplain of Williams college, will preach.

Pre-school age children and children of grades 1-4 attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

5:15 p.m., Pastor's class in church membership for those of the teenage meeting in the new church school rooms off the balcony.

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of

Young People. Martha Schouler will lead devotions. Mrs. Reeves will continue leading a discussion of "Would I Date Me?"

7:45 p.m., senior choir rehearsal in the vestry.

The week's events, meetings in the vestry:

Monday, 8 p.m., the church school staff meets. Mrs. Bradford Newcomb will speak on the problems of evil and suffering.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Bible study for women 20-40 years of age. Mr. Reeves teaching a course in the Sermon on the Mount. Children attended by Mrs. F. H. Mosse and Mrs. Alvin Scott.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., cars leave Northfield Pharmacy and Aldrich store, East Northfield, for roller skating party at the Brattleboro rink, sponsored by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Help with transportation appreciated.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week Lenten service. The Rev. Edgar Flory of the Federated church, Winchester, N. H., will be the guest speaker.

Friday, 3:00 p.m., Youth choir rehearsal. Mrs. Robert P. Barnes, director.

Holy communion will be observed Sunday, March 9.

Next meeting of the Brotherhood on Wednesday, March 12. John W. Haigis, Jr., guest and speaker.

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Through a Kitchen Window

The latest issue of Vogue features the running excitement of red-shoe-red, America's best fashion color. The bird world favors red-bird-red, and one of the most beautiful ways to see this vivacious color is to catch a glimpse of the Cardinal Grosbeak. A thrill of excitement indeed, in winter, is the sight of the fiery red color of its plumage, spectacular against the background of white snow.

Cardinal red, is perhaps, the color that best describes the handsome male bird. He is smaller than a robin, with a prominent crest, and a large red bill "faced" in black feathers which emphasizes its redness. Less striking, his mate is dressed in more quiet color—yellowish-brown with a touch of red. She too has a distinct crest, and a heavy red bill.

Cardinals belong to the large

Fringillidae family which includes the grosbeaks (large bills), finches, sparrow and buntings, recognized by stout bills adapted for seed-cracking.

Different localities give the cardinal different names, such as red-bird, winter redbird, crested red-bird, Virginia redbird and red corn-cracker—since it cracks kernels of corn in a most dexterous manner. It was James Lane Allen who was responsible for the name of "The Kentucky Cardinal" in his fascinating tale of the south.

The cardinal is a shy bird in the field, but rather self assured and dignified, with perhaps a dash of boldness, around home grounds. He isn't as slim and graceful as the catbird, but he outshines all birds with his brilliant color. His crest is a bit of a barometer, a personal barometer. If all is serene, his crest lies back on his head. If the bird is happy, angry or surprised, he will lift his crest till it stands straight up, as peaked as an old-fashioned night cap.

As a general rule the cardinal likes to stay in one locality winter and summer. He is a good bird to encourage. Both friendly and beneficial, he destroys quantities of weed seeds and injurious insects. Grains and wild fruits are a part of his varied diet, also.

The greenish white or bluish eggs, marked with brown and violet, are laid in a nest made of leaves, grass and tendrils and lined with finer grasses or hair. Loosely put together, though firm, the nest is well hidden in vines, thickets or small trees. The birds are disturbed if the nest is found for they prefer to keep their private lives to themselves. Cardinals are a devoted pair. While the female sits on the eggs, the male feeds her and guards her from intruders and he takes entire care of the young when they have left the nest. He sings to her from an exposed perch in the top of a tree, fence post or telephone wire, a series of cheery, ringing tones whistled loud and clear with many variations. The female is herself a charming singer; hers is a sweeter, softer song.

This glorious bird is well known and loved in the south. Perched among the white blossoms of a magnolia or flowering dogwood the cardinal is as memorable and inspiring a sight as he is up north in the winter countryside. These birds have been gradually coming northward, spreading over a wide range, visiting new localities. Sections of Amherst and Pelham are ports of call for these rocket-red creatures of the air.

Not long ago a group of happy Girl Scouts embarked on a field trip to a "bird sanctuary" on N. Valley Rd., Pelham, expressly to see the cardinal. When they arrived he was nowhere to be seen. They waited and waited. Then, just as they were about to leave, he made an appearance at the feeding station in all his splendor—a magnificent sight as he streaked across the snow-covered setting at the home of Mrs. June Seitz. Their patience was thrillingly and magnificently rewarded. Cardinals were once sold as cage birds. Fortunately, they are now



Tree Warden Advocates Preservation Program

With a current loss of some 55 trees a year along the town streets, Northfield must undertake an active program for their preservation and replacement. This warning was given today by Joseph S. Bilmon, tree warden and gypsy moth agent. This figure does not include the tree loss along Main street, a state highway, where ten more large trees are slated to be removed this year.

An article in the town warrant for the annual town meeting on March 4 provides \$200 for the replacement of trees along the town streets during this year. It is hoped that the state will plant others along Main street where several planted last year have already died.

The town intends to continue its protection program which last year included two sprayings of trees for gypsy moth and Dutch elm beetle and three for the Japanese beetle. A further attack on the Japanese beetle was through milky disease spore operations which should be expanded this year.

Dutch elm disease, exceptionally dry weather and storm damage account for tree losses. Although the proposed appropriation for replacement will provide for only about twenty trees it will serve to alert the community to the losses being sustained.

Mr. Bilmon said that Northfield is especially vulnerable to Japanese beetle depredations because of its rich soil and many acres of lawns both residential and institutional including the hotel golf course and campus of the Northfield School for Girls where town efforts have been supplemented by milky disease spore control activity conducted by the schools. He expressed appreciation for the active interest of the Garden club and of many individual citizens helping in the Japanese beetle control program.

A variety of trees should be selected for replacement, Mr. Bilmon believes, including rock and Norway maples, red oak and moraine honey locust. In this he reflects the recommendations of the Western Massachusetts tree wardens' and moth superintendents' association, of which he is president.

protected by law. A major league baseball club is named after this bird—the St. Louis Cardinals. And Kentucky, Delaware, Illinois and Indiana have chosen the cardinal as their state bird. Harmar



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10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.
11:45—Sunday School.
7:30—Evening service with Bible study in the Book of Amos.

Monday evening, Good Neighbors meeting.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

Mr. and Mrs. David Quinn and their children fly to California for two weeks on Tuesday to visit relatives and see Northfield families living there. Kidder's funeral home work will be done by Edward Hurley.

Mrs. Donald Green went to the Franklin county hospital Thursday Feb. 20.

Mrs. Myrtle Jardin Buckley of Toronto, Canada, has been helping her sister, Miss Sadie Jardine of Parker avenue. Their sister, Mrs. Winfred Whitaker, died Feb. 14.

Mrs. John Farris left Texas in a snowstorm, the first that area had experienced in her memory. She came by train and is at Northfield Farms. Her husband, Sp. 3 John Farris, will soon fly from Germany to Fort Dix.

The PVRS opened a week late in September so, in order to make up time for lost work, the students' midwinter vacation did not begin until Feb. 27. They held an observance of Washington's birthday Friday when Future Farmers of America, under the direction of Brian Overdorf, presented a skit designed to connect the holiday with F.F.A. week which runs from Feb. 21-March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Wheeler and their four children have moved from Pinemeadow road to Amherst.

Raymond J. Buell, Jr., who taught here last year, visited in town this past week. He now teaches at Belmont Day school and coaches basketball at Belmont Hill school.

The bowling party planned for the 20-40 Couples club Monday evening was cancelled.

Fifty ladies attended the service of the World Day of Prayer on Friday last. Leaders were Mrs. Henry Prescott, Mrs. D. McCollister, Miss Alice Mundee, Mrs. A. E. French, Miss E. Pratt, Miss F. Colby.

Paul and John Rikert and their families were here for the weekend.

John Greenwood of Cleveland, Ohio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood, this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassett of S. Vernon announce the engagement of their daughter, Marita Olive, to Stephen Kozma of Turners Falls. Miss Bassett graduated from Northfield high school, 1954, and is employed in the Mt. Hermon laundry. Kozma attended schools in Hungary and is employed by Esleek Mfg. Co.

Miss Patty Leach visited Miss Peggy McLaughlin, a school friend, in North Weymouth and together they went to the wedding of another school friend in Quincy.

Out of town friends who came for the funeral of Alexander Kiewski were Patrick Cusack and daughter, Mary, of New York City and Henry Soiesky of Hackensack, N. J.

Guests at the International weekend, Feb. 21-23, at the Northfield School for Girls included guests from Netherlands, Switzerland, China, Sweden, Greece, Germany, Africa, Japan, Turkey, Finland, Philippines, Argentina, Liberia and Norway. They came from the following colleges: Skidmore, Boston University, Mt. Holyoke, Wellesley, Smith and Russell Sage. The speaker Saturday evening was Rev. James Robinson of East Harlem Parish, New York City. He spoke on Africa and Its Future. He is well known for his camp, Rabbit Hollow, near Winchester, his college work and for winning \$30,000 for his church on a TV quiz program.

Members of the Northfield Covered Bridge association who have pictures of covered bridges on their walls and their lamp shades may be shocked to hear that Ohio has more covered bridges than any other state. In an article called "Kissin' Bridges," it is stated that Ohio has 362½; the fraction accounted for by a bridge that is ½ in Ohio, ½ in Indiana.

Mrs. Roger Bassett and infant daughter are staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Glazier.

Donald Hiller, who last year played the lead part in "Paint Your Wagon" at UM, this year plays Hazel in the operetta, "Pipe Dream" to be presented March 7 at the Victoria theater, Greenfield.

Monday evening Mrs. Russell Durgin lent flower holders and assisted in the talk by Mrs. Hutsue Takada Messer of Bernardston at the Northfield Garden club. Mrs. Messer is a native of Muroran City, Hokkaido, Japan, and was a secretary and interpreter at the Chitose Air Base in that city.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Rubendall will not return to Hermon Hill until after Easter. They are traveling on business and also will take a Florida vacation.

On Feb. 24 at Franklin county hospital a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Gilmour of Mt. Hermon; grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Solms.

Fire gutted the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark in S. Vernon. It is across from the Arthur Millers and owned by Miller.

In Mrs. Albert Anderson's talk on the Glidden tour, she told the Pilgrim Fellowship of the climax of the trip to Jamestown, Va., when they saw and heard Queen Elizabeth speak to 500,000 people.

The Unitarian church of Bernardston is sponsoring a public cake party at the Bernardston town hall Saturday evening, March 1. There will be prizes awarded and refreshments served. Mrs. Russell Hale and Mrs. Arthur Racine are in charge.

The family Lenten supper at the Trinitarian Congregational church Thursday evening was served by Mrs. Carl Peterson and Mrs. Fred Smith, co-chairmen, and Mrs. Mildred Addison, Mrs. Edward Bolton, Mrs. Paul Chamberlain, Mrs. Herbert Maynard, Mrs. Bernard Walbridge, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Melvin Miller and Mrs. John Trumbull.



Donald Hiller of Northfield reclines in an upper bunk of the Palace Flophouse in a scene from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Pipe Dream" which the University of Massachusetts Operetta Guild presents this weekend. Mr. Hiller is playing the part of "Hazel."

Garden Club Members Urged To Support Warrant Article 27

Members of the Northfield Garden club enjoyed their annual potluck supper at the Center school cafeteria Monday evening. The committee members in charge of the supper were Mrs. Mark Aldrich, Mrs. Robert Dumbreck, Miss Alice Drake and Mrs. Arthur Bolton, Jr.

Mrs. Raymond Parenteau presided at the meeting which began at 8 o'clock at the Alexander hall. Mrs. Florence Phelps, librarian, made an announcement of Library Week, March 16-22, and invited the club to make a special exhibit. Two new members, Mrs. Paul Chamberlain of East Northfield and Mrs. Artie Foss of Bernardston, were welcomed.

The attention of club members was called to Article 27 of the town warrant concerning the planting of shade trees on our town highways and they were urged to support the article.

Announcements were made of the Western Massachusetts Flower show being held at the Eastern States Exposition grounds Feb. 26 to March 2, and of a course in "Design and Flower Arranging," to be held at the Springfield Community Center on May 5.

Mrs. Walter Bailey, program chairman, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Hutsue Messer of Bernardston, who spoke on "Flower Arrangements in the Oriental Manner." Mrs. Messer, dressed in a beautiful Japanese costume, made several flower arrangements, using the method of her country of high flowers as a center or "heaven," flowers on a lower level to the right or left designated as "man" and a base arrangement called "earth." One arrangement particularly beautiful was made in a flat container with this three step arrangement of blue iris and another lower and shorter group of rose carnations placed in the same three-step plan in the same flat dish. Mrs. Russell Durgin assisted Mrs. Messer in speaking to the group.

The flowers were awarded to Mrs. Alise Mosse, Mrs. Philip Porter, Miss Olive Shurig, Mrs. Eunice Dumbreck, Mrs. Spencer Flo and Mrs. Messer at the close of the meeting.

The next club meeting will be held March 31 when a speaker from the University of Massachusetts will have as a subject, "Evergreens and Shrubs."

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The theme is "Christian Freedom and Moral Responsibility." About 160 young people are expected.

The two outstanding speakers will be Pastor Eberhard Bethge, visiting lecturer of theology at Harvard university, and Rev. William Coffin, chaplain at Williams college.

Mr. Bethge is a former assistant to Bishop Diberlius of East and West Germany and a former missionary to the Orient. He has worked closely with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and has edited a number of Bonhoeffer's works.

Mr. Coffin is a ballad singer, son-in-law of the internationally famous musician, Artur Schnabel. He is a nephew of Henry Sloane Coffin and a cousin of Douglas Sloane, founder of the Cathedral of the Pines. During World War II, Mr. Coffin worked with the Russians moving west and the U.S. army going east in a liaison capacity.

Seminar leaders will be Rev. Burton MacLean, Yale; Prof. Lucetta Mowry, Wellesley; Rev. Richard Unsworth, Smith college; Rev. David Moore, University of Massachusetts; Rev. William A. Kelly, University of Connecticut; Rev. Stephen D. Crites, Southington, Conn.; Rev. Alan Mather, U.S.F., Yale; Miss Sallie McFague, Smith college; Miss Patricia Page, St. John's church, Northampton; Rev. Charles Scott, Middlebury college; Alan McLean, Amherst college; Prof. Holmes Van Derbeck, Springfield college, and Richard Wertz, Yale Divinity school.

Students will come from the above colleges and from Dartmouth, Connecticut college, Mount Holyoke, Gorham S.T.C., and the University of Vermont.

Registration will begin Friday at 4 p.m. at the hotel. The final service will be a public worship Sunday at 11 a.m. in Trinitarian church. Mr. Coffin will preach the sermon and Rev. Joseph W. Reeves will conduct the service. The public is welcome to any services in the church, the times for which will be announced or may be learned by calling the hotel Friday.

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Rug hooking and braiding with Mrs. Ralph Spencer of Greenfield as instructor will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Registration blanks may be obtained at the superintendent's office or from members of the advisory committee and may be submitted any time before March 3 when the classes are scheduled to begin.

If there is a sufficient number (16 are required under state regulations) there will also be classes in chair seating, cooking and clothing and registrations for these classes should be made immediately and more can be registered for cake decorating and rug hooking.

Seventeen registered for the wood working and sheet metal work which is planned as a school project, the charge to be \$10, payable in advance, for the 10 sessions. Duane Pierce of the school faculty will be instructor. The registration fee for the adult education classes is \$1.

An advisory committee has been named to assist with the adult education work in the towns of the area: Mrs. Carroll Miller, Northfield, chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Nicholson, Bernardston, secretary; Mrs. Delmar Magoon, Bernardston, and Mrs. Edwin Gillespie, Warwick.

The committee will welcome suggestions for classes that might be planned for later in the year.

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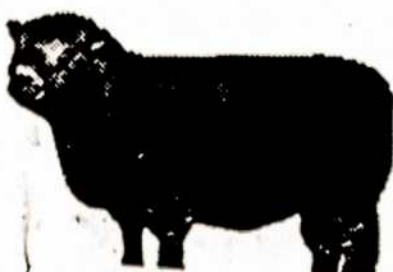
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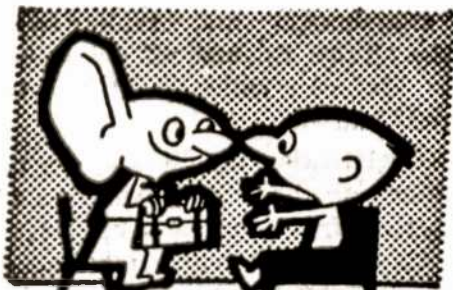
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Pioneer Regional High News

As usual we at Pioneer valley have had a very busy time. Although most schools in Franklin county have been enjoying vacation this week, we are making up part of the eight days we missed at the beginning of this year. We had an especially long Christmas vacation and we are now paying the consequences of the extended vacation and also of the two weeks of freedom at the beginning of the year in September. We are making up three days this week and during April vacation we shall be making up the three remaining days.

During the past week two of our faculty members have been absent. Mrs. Janet Young of the seventh grade English department has been called to Illinois on account of her mother's illness. Substituting for Mrs. Young were Frederick Ellis of Greenfield and Paul Seamans of Bernardston.

Mrs. Ruth Young of the commercial department was absent yesterday. Substituting for her is Hugh Hayden of Bernardston.

Now that basketball season is nearly over our boys are practicing for their participation in the tri-state basketball tournament, which is held in Turners Falls each year. The tournament consists of teams from small schools of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Monday, March 3 our boys will play Leland and Grey seminary of Townsend, Vt.

The boys' chef club is progressing very well and with a great deal of enthusiasm. Mrs. Hammond has announced that soon the boys will be wearing aprons of their own. So far the club members have learned to operate the stoves and also to fry bacon and eggs.

Mr. Leonard announced recently a change in the bell system at school. The two-minute warning bell at the end of each period has been eliminated. This was done to prevent unnecessary shortening of classes and clogging of exits and corridors.

Word has been received that the artist has completed the press of the school seal which will be

used on the junior class rings. That means that soon juniors will be the proud possessors of class rings.

Stage curtains have arrived for the auditorium and are to be hung up on the stage this week. There are gray curtains which will be in the back. The middle curtains and cyclorama are gold and the front curtain which closes off the proscenium are turquoise. We are glad the curtains have arrived now because on March 28 and 29 the senior play will be presented.

Rehearsals for the senior class play are being held every day after school from 2:45 to 4. Miss Lawley, director of the play, has announced the cast as follows:

Cora Hurlburt will play the part of Nancy Holland; Charlotte Marcott, Julia Holland; Byron Beckwith, Judson Holland; Audrey Smith, Dawn Kemp; Nancy Oakman, Trixie; Carol Gerrish, Nellie; John Fleming, Bruce Browning; John Morgan, Willie Brewer; Nancy Coates, Ada Brewer.

The parts of Eve Bannister and Colette Duval have not been cast yet.

So far Mr. Upham of the guidance department has had approximately thirty-five hours of individual conferences with members of the senior class. Those interested in college are now making plans to achieve that goal. All other seniors interested in getting jobs took an employment service test on Tuesday of this week. Nineteen students took part.

So far over twenty juniors have had personal one hour conferences with Mr. Upham in deciding what their future goal will be. In helping them to select their careers, five of the juniors have taken the Kuder preference test.

The guidance department is at present planning on further development of a testing program to assist the students in achieving their future goals. On April 29 all juniors will take the merit scholarship tests sponsored and paid for by the school committee.

Rebecca Jackson and Sally Sheldon have written essays for the Western Massachusetts small high school essay contest which is being conducted again this year.

The winner from each school participating in this contest will receive a tournament charm. The tournament winner of all schools submitting an essay will be awarded a tournament statuette. The award to the eventual winner of the essay contest will be presented on the basketball floor some time during tournament week.

P. F. Raises \$63 At Recent Food Sale

Dean Lanphear led devotions at the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening which was attended by 49 members. It was reported that \$63 was made at the food sale recently held and plans were completed for a square dance to be held Friday evening, Feb. 28, at the town hall with Johnson's orchestra of Winchester furnishing the music. Mrs. Albert Anderson was the guest speaker. She told about her trip on the Glidden took 13 days and there were 350 tour to Williamsburg, Va., where she saw Queen Elizabeth. The tour took 13 days and there were 350 antique cars on the trip.

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Youth Group Features Discussion on Bible

A question and answer discussion on the Bible was the feature of the Youth Group meeting at the Unitarian church Sunday evening. Each member brought questions which were discussed with the assistance of Charles D. Moore, minister, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Billings, adult advisors.

David Billings led the devotional service and refreshments were served by Russell Reed. Next Sunday evening the group will hold an activity meeting and make posters for a square dance that they are planning. Each member may bring a friend to next Sunday evening's meeting.

Backyard Gardener

By Alfred W. Boicourt, Professor
of Floriculture, College of
Agriculture, University of
Massachusetts

It's Spring Flower Show time again. The Western Massachusetts Flower Show in Springfield has already started — February 26 through March 31. The New England Spring Flower Show in Boston starts March 9 and lasts until March 15. If possible, try to attend either or both.

Spring flower shows always give many new suggestions for the home gardener. Also, whether you are a gardener or not, the many colorful flowers will surely lift you out of your doldrums. February and March can be dreary months for some, and a flower show is a wonderful tonic.

With the deep snow around my home, gardening—either physically or mentally—is practically nil this week. However, at the university, we are busy with our Stockbridge student exhibit at the Western Massachusetts Flower Show. The exhibit theme is "Plants for Home and Industry." The University of Massachusetts exhibit at the Boston Show will be on lawns and will stress specific grasses or grass mixtures that are desirable for the home grounds. If you haven't seen Zoysia, that, too, will be displayed, even though we do not recommend it for New England.

When you attend a flower show, you should go with notebook and pencil for taking notes. Also, plan to stay several hours or a day to make the visit worthwhile. Few people realize the work involved in staging just one exhibit. Months to a year of planning go into many exhibits.

As a rule educational exhibits do not have as much appeal as a landscape scene or flower arrangement. They require a little more effort on the part of the visitor to fully interpret the information. Many of us are too busy. We are rushing here and there hoping that some of the information will rub off on use. Perhaps I have painted too bleak a picture but after spending 12 years at the Boston Flower Show this criticism seems justified.

Remember to take your pencil and notebook.

Her Highness Princess Caroline



MONACO—This chubby, smiling baby is her serene Highness, Princess Caroline, daughter of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace (the former Grace Kelly) of Monaco. Princess Caroline marked her first birthday January 23. A small birthday party was held in the palace nursery. Princess Grace is expecting her second child sometime in March.

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